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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT PURCHASE OF AIR ZAIRE

1. LETTER FROM COMMISSIONER EKETEBI DATED MARCH 23, 1973 AND DATELINED BRUSSELS WAS RECEIVED IN EXIMBANK MARCH 29. LETTER ADVISED THAT BOEING AND DOUGLAS HAD COMPLETED STUDIES EXIMBANK HAD REQUESTED, AND WOULD NOW PREPARE APPLICATIONS FOR 2 DC-10' S, 5 BOEING 737' S AND ONE 747. LETTER STATES THAT STUDIES WERE COMPLETELY FAVORABLE AND SOON MR. EKETEBI WILL VISIT VARIOUS COUNTRIES WITH WHOM AIR ZAIRE HAS SIGNED CIVIL AIR AGREEMENTS, APPARENTLY TO ARRANGE FOR ANTICIPATED FLIGHTS OF NEW WIDE-BODIED JETS.
 2. LETTER ALSO STATES THAT ONE DC-10, ONE OR TWO 737' S AND ONE 747 WILL BE DELIVERED IN 1973, THE REMAINDER IN 1974.
 3. EXIMBANK HAS BEEN ADVISED BY MCDONNELL DOUGLAS THAT DELIVERY OF
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ONE DC-10 IS PLANNED FOR MAY 1973 TO COINCIDE WITH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. THUS, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME AND IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING ADVICE BE FORWARDED BY THE EMBASSY TO MIN EKETEBI:

A. EXIMBANK ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED MARCH 23 CONCERNING CONTEMPLATED PURCHASES OF AIRCRAFT TO BE ASSIGNED TO AIR ZAIRE. AS INDICATED IN SUBJECT LETTER, BOEING AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS EXPERTS HAVE SUBMITTED ADDITIONAL DATA TO SUPPORT APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCING ASSISTANCE.

B. WE REGRET TO ADVISE THAT EXIMBANK IS NOT ABLE TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS AS SUBMITTED SINCE, AS INDICATED IN OUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 23, 1973, EXIMBANK IS NOT PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCING OF PURCHASES OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

C. AT SUCH TIME AS YOUR GOVERNMENT PROPOSES A PROGRAM SCALED DOWN TO A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED THE TWO PRELIMINARY COMMITMENTS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED, EXIMBANK WILL BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER THE APPROPRIATE CREDIT APPLICATIONS. THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DATA SUBMITTED BY BOEING AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS CAN NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WE ARE ASKED TO SUPPORT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

D. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF OUR DESIRE TO RESPOND QUICKLY ONCE THE FIRM PROCUREMENT PLANS ARE KNOWN. RUSH

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